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John Bilas, hatchery manager with Sustainable Resource Development, got a little help from a group of kids Wednesday in stocking the trout pond at the Bow Habitat Station. For more, turn to page 9.

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200 arts spots cut at U of C

Warning. Budget cuts were 'difficult' but 'real pain' will come next year, provost says

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The University of Calgary will accept 200 fewer students in the Faculty of Arts this fall as a result of provincial budget cuts, the university announced Wednesday.

At roughly 7,200 students, arts enrolment is "at an all-time high, probably well above where it should be," provost and vice-president academic Dru Marshall said at a university town hall meeting.

The decision was part of the university's overall plan to reduce expenses by $27.75 million in the wake of a 7.3 per cent cut to post-secondary funding in the 2013 Alberta budget.

The university also plans to use $11.85 million in "contingencies" and find $1.1-million in new revenue to balance its roughly $1.2-billion annual budget, said Jake Gebert, vice-president finance and services.

In addition, 30 fewer nursing students and 15 fewer medical students will be accepted this fall, but university president Elizabeth Cannon said that's due the expiration of fixed-term funding that had been used to boost enrolment, and not related to the provincial budget.

The university also plans to eliminate 20 programs that had minimal to no enrolment for the past seven years, but wouldn't reveal Wednesday specifically which programs they were.

"Any student that is in such a program obviously would be guaranteed to be able to finish," Cannon said.

University of Calgary Students' Union vice-president external Conner Brown had mixed feelings about the arts cuts.

"Obviously we're disappointed that they're going to reduce enrolment," he said. "But at the same time we're happy that they have prioritized current students."

Marshall said the budget-balancing decisions were "difficult" but warned the 2014-15 budget will be an even greater challenge.

"The real pain is going to come next year, when we have to look probably for another $20 to $25 million, as we balance the books with increasing costs while having a stable budget with zero per cent increase," she said.

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ACAD. Long-time teacher gets job back

Boundaries are pushed every day at ACAD, and Gord Ferguson is glad to once again be a part of it.

Ferguson, a 32-year veteran teacher fired after a controversial public art project that involved the killing of a chicken, was reinstated Wednesday.

"It was really upsetting to be dismissed over something that a student did, but it's great that the college has reconsidered and we're all looking forward to turning this into something positive," said Ferguson, adding he's excited to get back in the classroom.

The chicken was killed by a student with a knife, then plucked and cleaned in the school's cafeteria last month. The student's project aimed to comment on commercial food production, underlining the fact that meat has to be killed before it is manufactured and consumed.

Ferguson said students push the envelope with their work every day.

"The nature of an art school is that you've got a lot of young energetic students and all of their private ideas, all of their emotions, all of their past history, it's up on the wall every day for people to discuss," he said.

ACAD president Daniel Doz said the school is pleased to have a resolution, adding that lessons have been learned from the incident.

"It calls for a candid and fruitful dialogue on the balance of academic responsibility and artistic freedom," he said.

A symposium is planned for later this year to address this topic, Doz said.

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Police Chief Rick Hanson speaks to the media about the officer-involved shooting. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Officer shot driver to protect senior: Chief

Split-second choice. 'I'm confident the officer involved made the best possible decision,' chief says

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The police officer who shot a man in a fleeing vehicle Tuesday afternoon did so to protect the life of a senior citizen who had been struck and was in an "extremely vulnerable situation," according to police Chief Rick Hanson.

"We have a duty to protect life," Hanson said Wednesday. "The officer made a split-second decision based on his belief the lives of others were at risk, especially the female who had been struck at least once and was still under the vehicle."

Hanson said the situation escalated quickly when police approached the vehicle, parked outside of a bank near Crowfoot Crossing Shopping Centre, on the suspicion that a man wanted on a nationwide warrants was inside.

It turned out the wanted man was not in the vehicle, Hanson said, but when a passenger in the back seat saw police approaching, he leapt into the empty driver's seat and attempted to flee.

He then reversed into a police car that had blocked the entrance road into the bank and drove onto the sidewalk, striking an elderly man and an elderly woman.

Hanson said it appeared the woman was struck twice and her life was in immediate danger.

The officer, who has been with the Calgary Police Service for less than two years, then decided to fire on the driver, Hanson said, and no more than two shots were fired.

The driver remains in hospital in critical but stable condition, according to police.

The female pedestrian suffered "serious injuries" while the male pedestrian suffered "minor injuries," Hanson said, and both are expected to survive.

Ongoing investigation

In addition to the man who was shot, police at the scene also took into custody another male occupant of the vehicle, as well as a woman who was originally driving and had gone inside the bank.

- The Alberta Serious Incident Response Team is now investigating the incident but would not comment in detail Wednesday.
- Any witnesses are asked to call the ASIRT South Office at 403-592-4306.

Mystery solved: Planter source of leak at Devonian Gardens

Ceiling damage. Seeping water has affected nine stores, but damage is 'minimal,' mall says

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Less than a year after undergoing $37 million in renovations, at least one planter in Devonian Gardens has begun leaking water into stores in the shopping centre below — but the city says it's all covered under warranty.

The popular indoor oasis, on the fourth floor of the Core Shopping Centre downtown, will remain open while repairs are undertaken on the planter, city parks manager Doug Marter said on Wednesday.

"Right now we're just starting with this one, where we have an obvious leak," he said. "Depending on what we find in the investigation, we may look further, but we may not have to."

The repairs will be done at no cost to the city, Marter added, since it's covered under a five-year warranty from EllisDon and other contractors that worked on the renovation.

"That's why all construction contracts have warranties," he said.

Shopping centre spokesman Domenic Mazzocchi said water damage affected about nine stores, but it was contained mostly to ceiling areas and he wasn't aware of any merchandise loss.

"We still love to have the Devonian Gardens on the fourth level of our mall," Mazzocchi said. "We think it's a great amenity, and the city's been a great partner."

Marter said the repairs are expected to take several weeks, but that could change depending on what is found as the work progresses.

Urban oasis

- Devonian Gardens boasts 550 tropical palm trees, 10,000 shrubs and 1.5 million pounds of soil, the city says.
- The garden opened in 1977 but closed in 2008 when a major redevelopment of the shopping centre began. It reopened in June 2012.

City parks manager Doug Marter says an investigation is underway to determine if there are other causes of the leak at Devonian Gardens. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Albertans showed up in droves on Wednesday at the Now You See Me rally in Edmonton to protest provincial cuts to disability-support programs.
PATRICK NGUYEN/FOR METRO IN EDMONTON

Hundreds rally at legislature to denounce cuts to disability programs

Scores of disabled Albertans and their supporters gathered at the Alberta legislature in Edmonton on Wednesday to protest budget cuts for people with developmental disabilities.

The protesters say Alberta's 2013-14 budget slashed $42 million from community-access programs, which they argue will have a significant negative impact.

Demonstrators waved signs emblazoned with pictures of disabled family and friends in need of financial support, many of them bearing the slogan "Now You See Me."

Quoted

"We have to speak to our government and tell them this is completely unacceptable. Keep working and keep fighting so that they can hear us and that we can stop this."

Donna Dunn, teacher in the Disability Studies program at Mount Royal University in Calgary, which was recently cut

"The name is an allusion to the fact that if these budget cuts are allowed, people like my brother will disappear," said Jessica Greene, of Calgary, who made the trip with her brother Max. "Now you see them, now you don't, right?"

In addition to protesting budget cuts, marchers also stood up for disability rights as a whole.

"We have never been in a place where people with disabilities have received adequate support, adequate inclusion and adequate care in this province," said Grant Neufeld, who is on the board of the Calgary Scope Society, an agency committed to disability aid.

"We always have to fight tooth and nail for every last drop of support in this province. It shouldn't have to be that way."

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Heidi Harris-Jensen with Partners in Road Construction Safety displays one of several campaign messages that will be shown to Alberta motorists over the summer. KATIE TURNER/METRO

Construction season: Slow down, Calgary commuters warned

Campaign kickoff. The 11th annual Road Construction Safety Campaign began Wednesday

Calgary commuters are being asked once again to exercise caution and patience when it comes to travelling through construction zones this summer.

For the first time, the City of Calgary joined forces with Partners in Road Construction Safety (PIRCS) to launch an awareness campaign aimed at reminding motorists to slow down.

"Tickets for speeding in construction zones are up 22 per cent from 2011," said Mayor Naheed Nenshi. "It's important for the safety of our community that we do better."

According to the city's manager of traffic engineering Gord Elenko, the Calgary Police Service issued over 36,000 tickets to motorists speeding through construction zones — 11,000 of which were issued when workers were on site.

"It's a shared responsibility; we keep our work sites safe but drivers need to do their part. Don't speed through construction zones," said Elenko.

Chair of the PIRCS Heidi Harris-Jensen said the more than 1,000 collisions in construction zones in 2011 is far too many.

"It's a very minor blip in your day to do the right thing and make the right choice, whereas that split-second decision to pull out and pass when you're impatient or stepping on it through a construction zone … is a decision you may well regret," she said.

Alberta Transportation has a plan to invest more than $9 billion in provincial roadways over the next three years, and in 2013 they plan to complete 586 km of paving, 17 km of widening work and 21 km of twinning. KATIE TURNER/METRO

Road reports

- Since it began in 2003, PIRCS has spent about $3.5 million in safety and awareness campaigns.
- The campaign runs through to the September long weekend.
- Alberta's road report line can be reached by dialing 511, or visiting 511.alberta.ca.

Hinton

Alberta RCMP charge person with aiding suicide after female body discovered in vehicle

Mounties in Alberta have charged a woman with helping another woman commit suicide.

RCMP say a body was found last Friday inside a vehicle parked in front of the hospital in Hinton, about 300 kilometres west of Edmonton.

A 53-year-old woman who was admitted to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries was charged this week with aiding suicide.

Court documents show the dead person was also a woman, but her age was not disclosed.

A publication ban prevents identifying the pair.

The accused has been remanded in custody and is to appear in Hinton court on June 5.

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Approved … finally. Downtown Edmonton arena deal done

With a fully funded arena deal finally approved, the Katz Group and the city took the next step to what they call downtown Edmonton's bright future.

Mayor Stephen Mandel applauded the Katz Group and Edmonton city council for finally resolving a long-running issue and the promise of a future for the Oilers in Edmonton.

"This is about building a future for tomorrow, building a city that sees and wants its younger generation to see this as a place for them to build their tomorrows," he said.

Both the Katz Group and the city added more money to the pot, and more money was taken from a community-revitalization levy instead of from provincial infrastructure funding.

Oilers owner Daryl Katz was equally happy with Wednesday's result.

"We said at the outset, this is a once-in-a-generation opportunity and I truly believe that," he said.

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO IN EDMONTON

From left: Katz Group vice-president John Karvellas, Mayor Stephen Mandel and city manager Simon Farbrother stand at a press conference announcing the completion of the deal for a downtown Edmonton arena. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

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Weather helps lift fire-evacuation order

Lodgepole, Alta.
Forest blaze listed as being held, after scorching about 13-square kilometres

Residents who were forced to leave a small fire-threatened community in west-central Alberta are being allowed to return home.

Officials have lifted an evacuation order for Lodgepole, where about 150 people had to leave on a moment's notice last Sunday because of a nearby forest fire.

Rita Stagman, a spokeswoman for Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, says the order has been lifted because the blaze is now listed as being held.

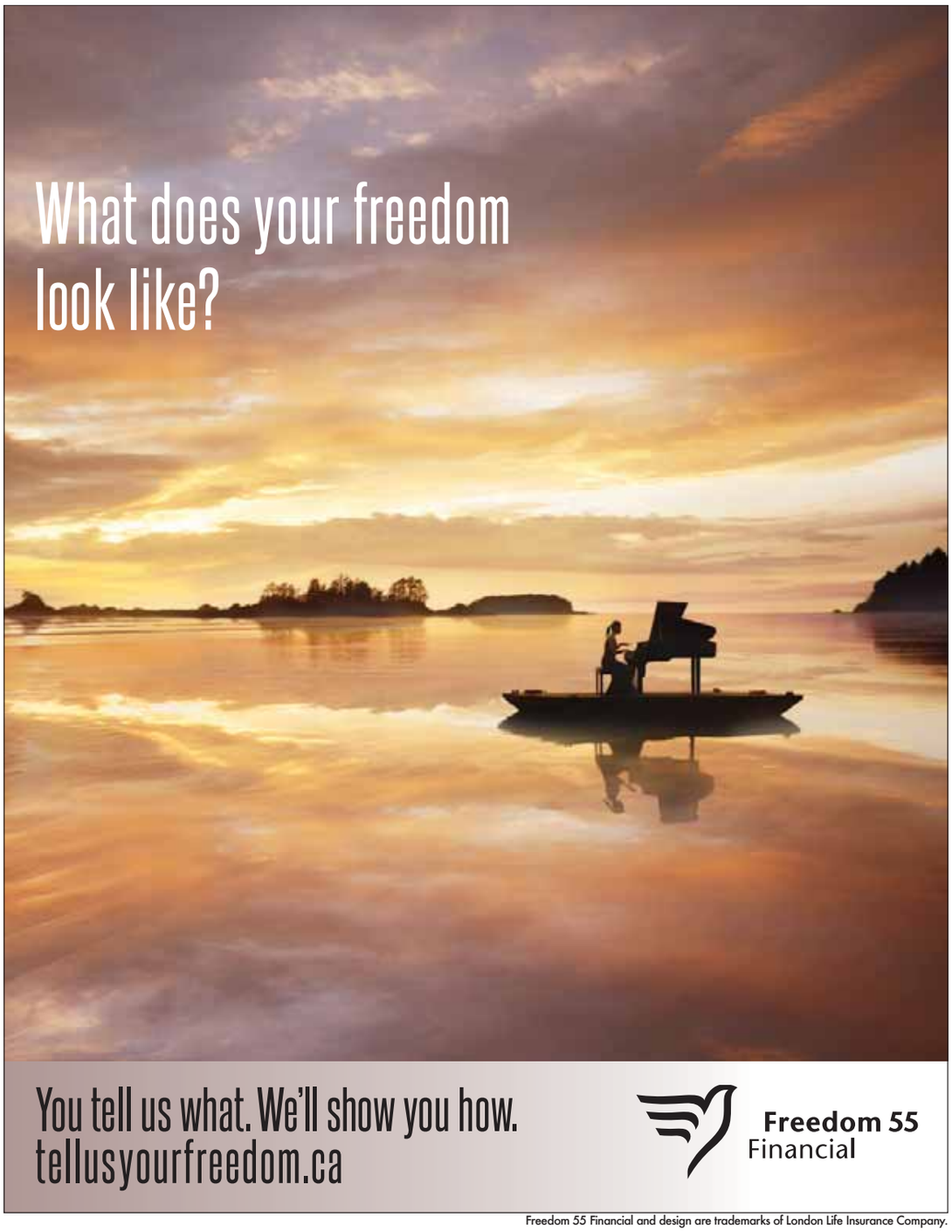
Stagman says the residents will remain on a two-hour evacuation notice, should conditions change on the fire lines.

The Lodgepole-area blaze southwest of Edmonton has scorched about 13 square kilometres, but Stagman says the wind and temperature are co-operating with firefighters and there have been showers in the area.

An evacuation order affecting about 100 people and prompted by a separate fire near Nordegg is still in place as the blaze is still listed as out of control.

High winds fanned the flames earlier this week, and a spate of hot weather conjured up the perfect storm for wildfires in the province late last week. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Crews at the scene of a wildfire near Nordegg, Alberta, on Sunday. HANDOUT



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AUPE. Bargaining structure questioned after teacher deal legislated

Education Minister Jeff Johnson announced on Monday he would introduce legislation on Tuesday to impose a teacher contract. METRO FILE

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Metro in Edmonton

The day after the minister of education introduced legislation to impose a teacher contract, the president of the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees said the move sets a "dangerous precedent" for collective bargaining in the province.

"There is no justification for legislating away employees' and trustees' access to their bargaining rights and their democratic right to vote for a contract," said AUPE president Guy Smith in a news release.

Education Minister Jeff Johnson legislated the teacher deal on Tuesday after the largest board in the province, the Calgary Board of Education, and two Alberta Teachers' Association locals voted to reject the agreement.

On Monday, Johnson called the bargaining structure in Alberta dysfunctional and said it needs to be fixed, a point that Jacquie Hansen, president of the Alberta School Board Association, agrees with.

"We need a new bargaining system in this province. We look forward to working with him on this," said Hansen in a written statement.

Hansen said it has been recommended in the past that the government change the bargaining structure but no action was taken.

Changes needed

"We need a new bargaining system in this province."
Jacquie Hansen, president of the Alberta School Board Association, in a statement

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Memorial Drive. Poppy Plaza to open June 8

Military members will be honoured June 8 at the official opening of Poppy Plaza along Memorial Drive.

The project is the second phase of the city's $31.5-million redevelopment plan called along Memorial. The first phase, the Calgary Soliders Memorial, was opened in 2011.

"We are truly pleased to honour those who made great sacrifices for our country through their contribution to Canada's armed forces," said Mayor Naheed Nenshi in a release. "Poppy Plaza is where Calgarians can gather to respect and memorialize Canada's efforts during wartime in a beautiful public gathering space that helps to connect people with the river's edge."

The celebration will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Poppy Plaza, which is located at 1111 Memorial Drive N.W. METRO

Donations:

The Calgary Veterans Food Bank will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items at the opening.

Rollover

Firefighters on scene within seconds of crash

Firefighters were Johnny-on-the-spot Wednesday, pulling up to a crash scene seconds after it happened.

Shortly after 11:30 a.m., fire crews came up to a vehicle that had rolled at the intersection of 4 Street and 16 Avenue N.W. The driver had struck a power pole and the car flipped and landed on its roof. The pole was leaning dangerously into the roadway and Enmax was called in for repairs.

The driver of the vehicle was taken to hospital. METRO

Kids kick off fishing season at Bow Habitat

Clara Saude, 4, learns to fish at the Bow Habitat Station in southeast Calgary on Wednesday. KATIE TURNER/METRO

Rainbows. Aim to get children into angling

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The introduction of 100 rainbow trout to the pond at Bow Habitat Station signified the beginning of the fishing season at the centre, and possibly a new generation of fishermen.

About a dozen kids helped introduce the rainbow trout to the stocked pond at the centre in southeast Calgary Wednesday and were then given the chance to fish the newly stocked pond.

"We're basically trying to foster an awareness about fish and wildlife and an appreciation of nature and inspire them to learn to fish," said program co-ordinator Janine Higgins.

In addition to their education program, the hatchery is one of two in the province that stocks over 200 ponds and lakes. More than 1.3 million fish, including rainbow and brown trout, are raised at the Bow Habitat Station every year.

Senior fisheries biologist with Sustainable Resource Development Paul Christensen said hatcheries play an integral role in educating people about properly catching and handling fish.

"The stress here is for people to learn the proper way to release fish so that when they're fishing wild fisheries they're doing it in a way that causes the least amount of stress to fish," he said.

The trout pond at the Bow Habitat Station is open from May 15 to October 31.

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‘I am broken because part of me is gone’

Tim Bosma case. Wife makes anguished speech on same day accused is slapped with murder charge

Sharlene Bosma, the wife of Tim Bosma, who was killed after posting his truck for sale online, holds back tears at a news conference in Ancaster, Ont., on Wednesday. DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The young daughter of an Ontario man who was killed after posting his truck for sale online and taking a test drive with two men will grow up knowing how deeply he was loved, the man’s wife vowed Wednesday.

Sharlene Bosma laid her anguish bare in a tearful public statement one day after police revealed that her husband Tim Bosma, 32, who had been missing since the test drive on May 6, is dead.

“Yesterday was the most horrifying day of my life and people tell me I have been so strong, and all I know is that I have a beautiful two-year-old girl at home who now needs her mommy more than ever and needs her mommy to hold it together, so I know that I cannot fall apart,” she said.

“But I am broken because part of me is gone.”

Police announced Tuesday that Bosma’s remains were found in Waterloo Region, about 50 kilometres away from the Hamilton home he shared with his wife and young daughter.

His body was burned beyond recognition, police said. Still, Bosma said she was thankful.

“This was not our desired outcome,” she said. “But I am still grateful to the police for finding him.”

Bosma last saw her husband when he left on a test drive with two men who had contacted him about the pick-up truck he had posted for sale online. Hamilton police believe he was killed some time that night, though they don’t know where.

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Background

A fateful online classified ad

Murder victim Tim Bosma posted his 2007 black Dodge Ram truck for sale online — including on the classifieds website Kijiji. However, Kijiji says that the murder suspects would not have been able to contact Bosma through its site.

Bosma did not reveal any personal information on the site and his ad did not receive replies. Police announced Tuesday that Bosma’s charred remains were found. Dellen Millard, 27, was originally charged with forcible confinement and theft over $5,000. A charge of first-degree murder was added Wednesday. Police are searching for at least two other suspects.

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Crockfords in London

Poker star’s a baccarat cheat, says casino group

A major casino operator is accusing Phil Ivey, an American who is one of the world’s top professional poker players, of amassing millions of dollars in winnings by cheating at baccarat.

Court papers filed in Britain’s High Court by the Malaysia-based Genting Group say that Ivey and an accomplice successfully used a scam to rack up winnings of roughly $11.9 million last summer.

The case has rocked the world of professional poker by pitting one of its most charismatic young stars against a major casino operator. The game in question took place on Aug. 20-21 at Crockfords. Ivey’s lawyers said the casino refused to pay the money he had won playing baccarat. The casino claims the winnings were invalid.

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Cleveland. Castro to plead not guilty; court will hear of his innocence: Lawyers

The lawyers for a man accused of keeping three women in captivity for about a decade say he will plead not guilty.

Attorneys Craig Weintraub and Jay Schlachet tell WKYC-TV that suspect Ariel Castro has been portrayed as a “monster” in the media, and after meeting with him Tuesday they don’t see him that way.

Weintraub says it’s unfair and offensive that “the media and the community want to demonize this man before they know the whole story.”

Schlachet says details of Castro’s innocence “will be disclosed as the case progresses.”

Weintraub also says Castro “loves dearly” the child he fathered with alleged kidnap victim Amanda Berry while she was in captivity.

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Castro is charged with kidnapping and raping Berry, Gina DeJesus and Michelle Knight.

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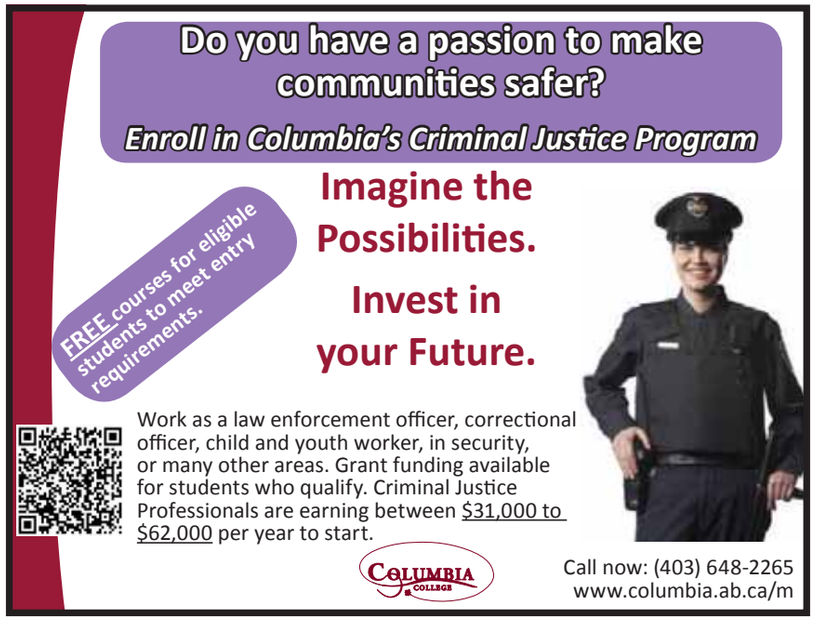
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Rescuers dig for survivors after cave-in

Indonesia. At least four dead after roof collapsed during safety training at U.S.-owned gold and copper mine

Mining activities at a giant U.S.-owned gold and copper mine in Indonesia were halted Wednesday as rescuers dug through a caved-in mine tunnel looking for about 25 trapped workers, the mine operator said.

Four bodies have been found and 10 miners rescued since the cave-in occurred Tuesday morning. Oxygen was being pumped into the tunnel as the search continued, but the status of the trapped workers was not known.

Meanwhile, hundreds of workers blocked a main road about three kilometres from the accident site in solidarity with the victims.

"We need a guarantee from the management for our safety in working underground," said Ronald Waromi, an organizer.

The company said 39 workers were inside a classroom in the tunnel undergoing safety training when the accident happened. Three escaped on their own. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"They were trapped and shouting for help ... but I couldn't do anything."

Kristian Sitepu, safety-training instructor, who was explaining emergency procedures when the accident happened

Workers gather in solidarity for colleagues who were trapped after the roof of a tunnel collapsed at a Freeport Indonesia mine in Mimika, Indonesia, on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New Orleans

Arrest made in Mother's Day parade shooting

The suspect in a Mother's Day parade shooting that left 19 people wounded in New Orleans was taken into custody Wednesday night, police said.

Akein Scott, 19, was arrested in eastern New Orleans, police department spokeswoman Remi Braden said. She said no additional details would be available until Thursday.

An earlier police news release said Scott had previously been arrested for illegal carrying of a weapon, illegal possession of a stolen firearm, resisting an officer, contraband to jail, illegal carrying of a weapon while in possession of a controlled dangerous substance and possession of heroin.

Video released Monday showed a crowd gathered for the Sunday parade suddenly scattering in all directions, with some falling to the ground. Police said they identified the suspect from the surveillance camera images.

Two children were among those wounded. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thailand

Boy, 3, dies after being left in hot car for 7 hours

Police say a three-year-old boy has died in northeastern Thailand after a teacher left him in a car for seven hours on the child's second day of school.

A police officer said Wednesday that Suriyakan "Potter" Pakan was abandoned in a car that a teacher used to transport students in Uthumphon Phisai district, Sisaket province. The officer spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the media.

High temperatures Wednesday exceeded 30 C. The officer says the teacher thought all students had left the vehicle. It was the toddler's second day of school.

Police say the teacher will face charges of causing death by negligence.

A similar incident involving a teacher occurred near Bangkok in early April and left a three-year-old girl dead. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Who is the Syrian Electronic Army?

Activists or regime spies? Metro interviewed a member of the elusive network

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From wiping $136 billion off the U.S. stock market, to forcing spoof news site The Onion to turn serious, the Syrian Electronic Army is an emerging force in the conflict that has killed more than 70,000 people.

The pro-regime hackers have attacked hundreds of high-profile targets from the BBC to FIFA chief Sepp Blatter, but little is known about the group.

"The central mission of the SEA is to defend the Syrian nation against the vicious lying media campaign launched by more than half of the world," a spokesperson for the group told Metro. "We have not attacked any website or social-media account that has displayed neutrality when covering the war on Syria. Unfortunately, these are very few."

Launched quietly in 2011 from a Facebook group, the SEA has become an efficient network for creating chaos.

Composed "mostly of students and youth, with members of the Syrian Arab Army," according to the source, the group also has chapters in the U.S. and Europe.

The SEA's growing power was shown by an April hack of The Associated Press Twitter feed, from which they announced "Breaking: Two Explosions in the White House and Barack Obama is injured," causing a nosedive in the Dow Jones stock index.

The Onion fought back after suffering a similar attack, publishing a guide to SEA methods, which it claimed could be easily defended. However, further attacks on Sky News in May support the hackers' claim that they have more sophisticated tactics.

Membership numbers

5,000

Based on interviews with SEA operatives, Syrian activist Amjad Baiazy estimates there are more than 5,000 members, with a high level of training and funding.

Asked whether they supported President Bashar al-Assad's crackdown on protesters, the SEA said they "could criticize specific actions but whatever mistakes don't justify the animalism displayed by the opposition." They categorically denied receiving support from, or being close to, the regime.

This is disputed by experts.

"I think the SEA is close enough to the regime to be able to operate freely in a country that is known for its restrictive measures on Internet activities and information flow," said Helmi Noman, senior researcher at Citizen Lab who has studied the group since 2011. "The Syrian state TV has broadcast programs covering the activities of the SEA. SEA members appeared in these programs … so the group members are known and reachable to the Syrian media."

Syrian activist Amjad Baiazy, a former prisoner of the regime and academic researcher, goes further. "We know they are operating from Students' Union buildings which are like a syndicate for the government. The regime relies on the SEA for intelligence on opposition activists, gathering evidence for them to make arrests," he told Metro. "They are now a major asset for Assad."

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The Syrian Electronic Army was behind the hacking of the BBC's Twitter feed, above. Their hacking of The Associated Press Twitter feed caused the Dow Jones to nosedive, as shown by the plunging tracker below. SCREENGRABS

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B.C. election. Pollsters explain their total failure

When it comes to opinion surveys, respondents tend to say they plan to vote, even if it's not necessarily true.

That was the explanation offered Wednesday by two of the nation's most prominent pollsters when asked how they all managed to get B.C.'s election forecasts so utterly wrong.

Ipsos Reid public-affairs vice-president Kyle Braid said 70 to 80 per cent of Canadians say they plan to vote in federal elections, even though the actual turnout is closer to 60 per cent.

"We need a better way of figuring out who the voters are," Braid said.

Mario Canseco, vice-president of Angus Reid Public Opinion, said the trend is even stronger among voters 18 to 34 — who said they were twice as likely to vote NDP as Liberal.

It won't be clear until Elections BC releases its exit-poll results whether more young voters skipped the ballot box. But historically, just 16 per cent of B.C.'s electorate is made of voters aged 18 to 35.

"We're talking to young people, but are we talking to too many?" Canseco wondered.

KATE WEBB/METRO IN VANCOUVER

Look, we can explain

Anti-piracy firm used stolen photos

It's an embarrassing coincidence for the company leading the fight to uncover, and punish, online copyright infringement in Canada.

The Montreal-based company has changed the images on its website upon learning that several had been used without permission.

It was an awkward twist for Canipre, given that the company name stands for Canadian Intellectual Property Rights Enforcement and that it offers "takedown services" on behalf of its clients.

Canipre says it did not know its contracted web designer used the images improperly and learned only through an article on Vice's website. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Senator repaid cash, but not on his dime

$90,000. Gift from PM's chief of staff raises even more accusations of corruption, cover-up

One government insider says the $90,000 sent to Sen. Mike Duffy was a gift to help a friend in financial difficulty. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Less than a week after the Conservatives hailed Sen. Mike Duffy's "leadership" in repaying $90,000 in improper housing expenses, it turns out someone else made the bill go away.

Stephen Harper's chief of staff Nigel Wright personally covered Duffy's repayment, the Prime Minister's Office said on Wednesday — a transaction one insider described as a gift between friends that occurred without Harper's knowledge.

But the surprising transaction is raising questions about just how involved the Prime Minister's Office might have been with an independent audit into Duffy's expenses, and how it later portrayed that audit publicly.

The Senate's conflict-of-interest code explicitly prohibits senators from accepting any gift that "could reasonably be considered to relate to the senator's position." The Senate ethics officer refused to comment on the matter Wednesday, despite the fact gifts are supposed to be publicly disclosed.

The expense claims of Duffy and two other senators were examined by auditor Deloitte after they were accused of improperly claiming a housing allowance intended to compensate those who must maintain a secondary residence in Ottawa.

Deloitte noted that Duffy stopped co-operating with the audit once the repayment was made. Now the government is refusing to provide any detailed breakdown of the expenses repaid by Duffy, keeping secret the full circumstances under which he was making claims.

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Trust no one?

"We can't trust the Senate; obviously the Senate has no credibility on this. We can't trust the prime minister's word."

NDP ethics critic Charlie Angus, who called for a full investigation.

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Hadfield's sons pushed him to Twitter stardom

Not an early adopter. Astronaut balked when Evan and Kyle preached the merits of Twitter and Facebook three years ago

Chris Hadfield may have become a worldwide Internet sensation with his dramatic photos, tweets and musical performances from space.

But it took some convincing several years ago by his two sons to persuade him of the importance of social media in the first place.

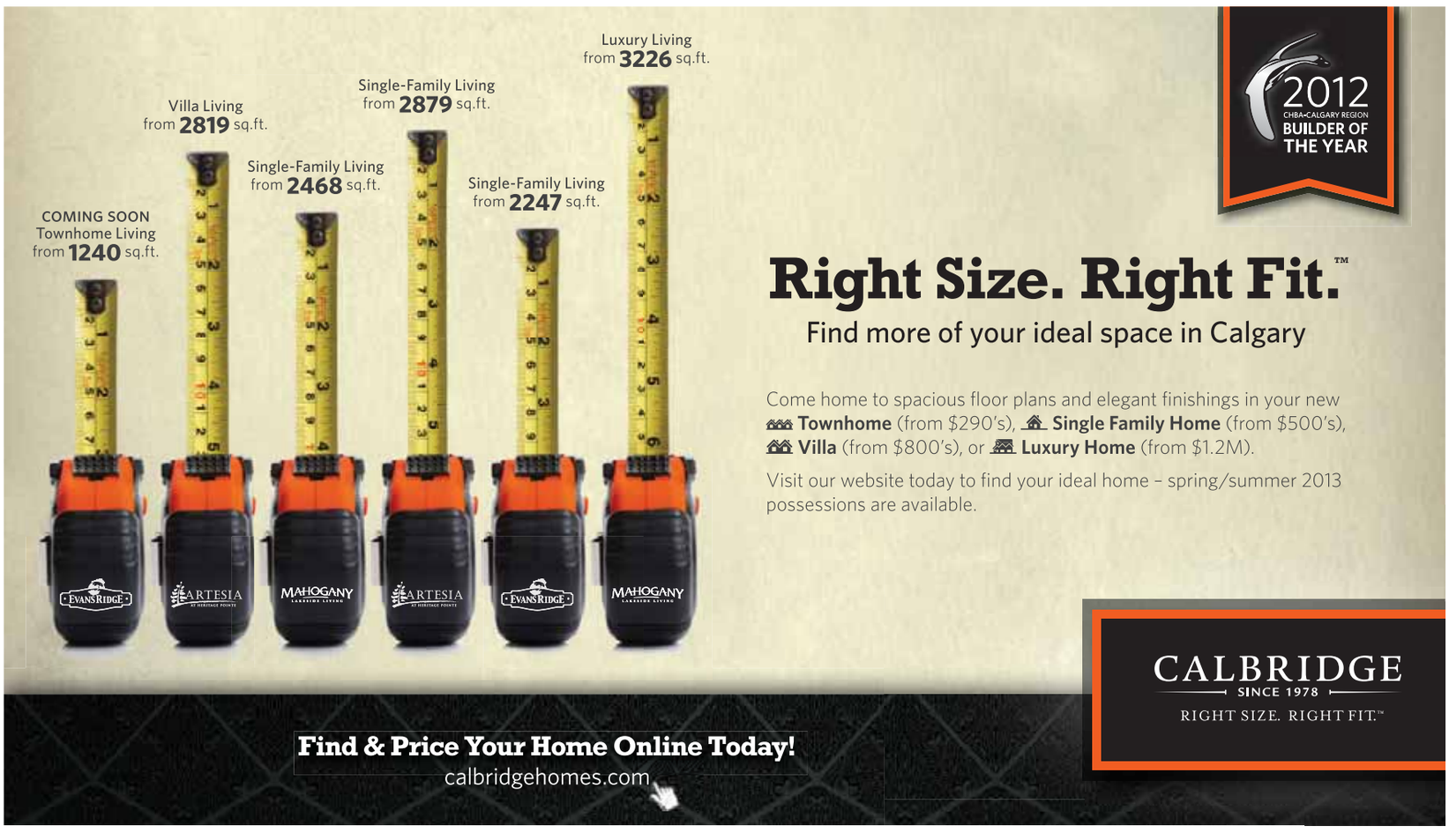
During a family Christmas get-together in 2009 the Canadian astronaut's son Evan, who now lives in Germany, and Kyle, who's in China, pointed out that they relied on the Internet to find out what's going on.

Russian space agency specialists carry Chris Hadfield shortly after the Russian Soyuz space capsule landed near the Kazakh town of Dzhezkazgan, Tuesday. MIKHAIL METZEL, POOL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hadfield had only 20,000 Twitter followers when he blasted off on Dec. 19, 2012. Upon his return to Earth this week, he was hovering around one million Twitter followers and more than 325,000 "Likes" on Facebook.

During the mission, Evan Hadfield acted as a self-described "Internet janitor" for his dad. Evan also played a big role in producing the now-famous "Space Oddity" video, the David Bowie cover; it was the most-watched video Tuesday on YouTube, with more than seven million views.

"A licensing agreement was signed with David Bowie's company and the CSA that allows this video to appear on You Tube for one year," a Canadian Space Agency spokeswoman said in an email. THE CANADIAN PRESS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Expelled U.S. diplomat was 2nd spy: Russia

Cold War nostalgia. Alleged breach strains recent collaboration between sides in Boston bombing

A U.S. Embassy card of a man claimed by FSB to be Ryan Fogle. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Russian security services operative — hidden in shadows — went on state television Wednesday to claim that the U.S. diplomat who was ordered out of the country was the second American expelled this year over spying allegations.

The anonymous operative said the CIA had failed to halt this "disturbing activity" despite Moscow asking it to do so.

The TV report came one day after Russia ordered Ryan Fogle, a third secretary at the U.S. Embassy, to leave the country after the Federal Security Service claimed to have caught him red-handed trying to recruit a Russian agent in Moscow. The agency, known by the initials FSB, alleged that Fogle worked for the CIA.

State TV channels showed a man identified as an FSB agent saying that another American was told to leave in January in "another case of recruitment." The anonymous speaker, whose identity as an FSB operative could not be confirmed, did not give the name of the expelled American.

The purported FSB agent said that in the January case his agency had decided not to publicize the expulsion, unlike the Fogle case, which has been top news in the Russian media for two days. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wigs and spy gadgets are shown in Moscow, Tuesday. The FSB claims they were carried by a man it said was Ryan Fogle, a third secretary at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow. FSB PUBLIC RELATIONS CENTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The spy who amused me

Some of the items Russian authorities say they seized from Ryan Fogle, whom they accuse of spying, look like they came from Austin Powers' arsenal rather than James Bond's.

- **Wigs.** A blond one and an equally fluffy dark one.
- **Sunglasses.** Another tried-but-true way to quickly change appearance.
- **Piles of cash.** A generous advance to encourage a would-be agent.
- **Recruitment letter.** Contains detailed instructions for a would-be agent about secure communications and future meetings.
- **Pepper spray.** May offer some degree of protection in the Russian capital, especially against the stray dogs.
- **RFID shield.** A protective sleeve that prevents anyone from reading private information from credit cards and other items.
- **Lighter.** Maybe just a lighter.

China. Woman told by police to remove petition from White House website

Upset about plans for a petrochemical plant near her hometown in China, a woman turned to a new method that Chinese are using to air their complaints: She posted a petition on the White House's website. Then, Chinese police asked her to take it down.

Last week's run-in with internal security agents turned into an unexpected lesson for the woman.

"I didn't think (the petition) was a big deal and didn't foresee the ensuing events," said the woman, who asked to be identified only by the initials she used on the petition, B.Y., for fear of further angering the police.

B.Y., who is in her late 20s and works in the finance industry in the central city of Chengdu, said the officers asked her in a meeting last Friday to delete the petition from the White House open petition site.

Set up in 2011, the We the People site allows the public to directly petition the White House. But she said she discovered the site does not allow people to remove petitions so she was unable to comply.

The White House's online petition site We the People. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

B.Y.'s petition problem, which was first reported by Hong Kong's South China Morning Post newspaper, shows how prickly Chinese authorities are about Internet dissent, probably particularly when it involves the White House.

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This file photo shows an Android display at the Google I/O developers' conference in June 2012. This year's version of the conference kicked off on Wednesday in San Francisco. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Google unveils music streaming service

San Francisco. Raft of announcements at developers' conference also cover Google Plus features, Maps redesign

Google's sixth annual conference for software developers opened Wednesday with a chance for the company to showcase its latest services. Announcements include a new phone, new tools for online games, a music-streaming service, a range of features for the Google Plus social network — including tools for sharing and enhancing photos — and a redesign of Google Maps.

The audience of about 6,000 people at Google I/O includes engineers and entrepreneurs who develop applications and other features that can make smartphones and tablets more appealing.

Google's All Access streaming service will allow Android users to listen to their favourite songs and artists for a monthly fee. It launched in the U.S. Wednesday and will be available in other countries later. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

North Pole nations. Canada takes over Arctic Council

Canada has officially taken over leadership of a newly broadened circumpolar world, beginning a two-year stint as head of an eight-member group of countries around the North Pole that is the primary international forum on northern issues.

"The time has come to embrace the Arctic and realize the tremendous potential and opportunities it has to offer for all of us," said federal Health Minister and Nunavut MP Leona Aglukkaq, who will serve as Arctic Council chairwoman during Canada's leadership.

Aglukkaq will be working with a larger group of countries interested in an increasingly accessible, resource-rich North. At its meeting in Kiruna, Sweden, on Wednesday, the council expanded the number of non-Arctic countries allowed to monitor discussions. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sweden's Foreign Minister Carl Bildt hands the gavel symbolizing the chairmanship of the Arctic Council to Nunavut MP Leona Aglukkaq in Kiruna, Sweden, on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WWF perspective

- The World Wildlife Fund, which has observer status, said the council is slowly making progress. The group praised agreements on oil spills and biodiversity and talks to strengthen shipping regulations. But it pointed out a deal on black carbon, or soot, was blocked and there has been little progress on reducing the impacts of climate change.

Real estate

Home sales down 3% from year ago

Canadian home prices continued to rise in April even as year-over-year sales fell three per cent, according to the latest industry data that has left economists divided over whether the market can count on a soft landing. The Canadian Real Estate Association said Wednesday there were 47,997 homes sold in April, down from 49,553 a year earlier. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market Minute

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Startup looks to unseat Google in Vietnam

Vietnam's booming Internet scene is littered with failed startups that tried to take on Google and other entrenched U.S. web companies.

That's not deterring a newly launched Russian-Vietnamese outfit that believes it can unseat the American search engine in this fast-growing Asian market and also contend with a jittery, authoritarian government seeking to clamp down on freedom of expression online.

Like Google rivals elsewhere, Coc Coc, or "Knock Knock" in English, believes the ubiquitous search engine doesn't get the nuances of the local language. It says its algorithms make for a better, quicker search in Vietnamese.

But Patrick Sharbaugh, a lecturer in Asian Internet studies at RMIT International University Vietnam wonders whether Coc Coc might also be more willing to censor search results on behalf of the government. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Time to hit the road, Jack!

The Victoria Day weekend is the unofficial kickoff of Canada's summer (because we're sure as he-- not waiting for real summer) and for me that has always meant road trips.

It could mean a jaunt to a cottage to celebrate Queen Victoria's glorious reign (Her Majesty was known for her gardening, cottage cleaning and barbecue skills). Or it could be a longer journey this summer to see some of this country's most important roadside fruits, such as the Oxford, N.S., blueberry.

Regardless of your travelling tastes, here are a few planning tips to help any road trip go more smoothly, potholes notwithstanding.

Six tips from a roads scholar

Plan (or don't plan) to your liking. If you're the type of person who prefers every part of your trip planned out to the letter, take advantage of modern technology and use Google Maps. If you're more of an adventurer and prefer to have no idea where you're going, use Apple Maps.

Choose your travelling partners carefully. For example, don't take your children. On one trip when I was younger I repeatedly sang Sloop John B ("This is the worst trip I've ever been on") to let my parents know the all-expenses-paid road trip they were treating me to was not living up to my exacting 14-year-old standards. I'm still mad at them, because in retrospect they should have left me on the side of the road to die. They would have been right to do it.

Rent a well-equipped vehicle. That way if you can't find a perfect travelling partner, you can still get companionship with the help of the OnStar button. "Is there something broken in the vehicle, sir?" "Only the driver, ma'am. Only the driver." The call disconnects a lot for some reason, so you'll need to keep calling back.

Prepare for emergencies. Be ready for flat tires. All motorists should carry with them a vulcanized rubber patch, a hand pump, rubber cement, and a wading pool filled with enough water to detect a leak in a 17-inch radial.

Do not forget that you are sitting on a pack of Junior Mints and grinding the melted chocolate into the fabric of your rental car. I can't stress this one enough. I can say based on personal research that in 2012 this statistically happened 100 per cent of the time. So be prepared.

Take the road less travelled. By that I mean go to New Brunswick. My home province needs it and will be thrilled to see you, once the shock wears off. Toronto's tourism slogan is "We've been expecting you," which is very apt for Canada's super villain. By contrast, New Brunswick's is "For the love of God please stop the car." If you go you'll be popular and may become an attraction yourself.

And those are my travelling tips. I hope you find them helpful.

Now if you'll excuse me, I have a romantic road-trip weekend planned.

Mrs. OnStar's going to love it when she finds out.

ZOOM

Ghana's space dreams take flight

CHRISTIAN THOMPSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS PHOTOS

Satellite is just the beginning

Students use a balloon to launch Deployable CanSat, a soda-can sized model of a satellite, at All Nations University in Koforidua, Ghana, Wednesday. It went aloft to a height of 165 metres and then came back down attached to a parachute.

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The project doesn't look like much, yet in this developing West African country, ambitious organizers see it as a sign of bigger things to come.

Only direction to go is up

"Some wonder why we couldn't concentrate on our problems of water, sanitation, health, all those things. I categorically disagree.... Space will help African countries who are very serious with it to leapfrog their development because it cuts across all sectors of the economy."

Prosper Kofi Ashilevi, director of the Ghana Space Science and Technology Center, which recently celebrated its one-year anniversary

"We hope that this practical demonstration of what can be done by students like them will generate more enthusiasm, fire up their imagination to come up with more creative things, and show that it's possible that they'll one day be able to launch their own real satellite into orbit," he added.

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You know what's the worst? The terror of discussing your favourite shows the next day when there's always someone within earshot to give you a tongue-lashing about spoilers. Why should you pay for them being laggards? Try these sites for sharp recaps and witty discussion about the best TV.

The AV Club

The Onion's sister site makes it easy to decide what shows to catch up on by attaching a letter grade to each review. Intrigued by Twitter chat about The Americans? Check its report card here. (avclub.com)

Grantland

Molly Lambert's take on whatever bleak note Mad Men ended on pairs with Andy Greenwald's funny and insightful pieces on Game of Thrones for Monday afternoon's best one-two punch. (grantland.com)

Vulture

Easily the snarkiest of this lot, Vulture's writers take particular delight in savaging shows that secretly drive you crazy, too. Ahem, The Walking Dead. The hidden gems are the hilarious American Idol recaps, which are much more fun than the actual episodes. (vulture.com)

Comments

RE: $84 Gelato, And Other Tourist Trap Horror Stories, published May 15

Wow, perhaps people should visit natural features of the planet instead of man-made structures! It barely costs anything to hike or cycle unless you prefer a guide. Can't these tourists do the money conversion to figure out what they're really paying? If people were smart, they would just walk away!

Skippy76 posted to metronews.ca

Twitter

@metropicks asked: Angelina Jolie had a mastectomy after finding out via gene tests she is predisposed to cancer. Would you do the same?

@halla_p: As a mother of two young ones ... You betcha!!!

@GACat: Yes, I would do the same thing. In a heartbeat.

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SCENE 2

The big Spoon: Lessons in leaving the old sound behind

Let the River run.
B.C. band reemerges after four years of radio silence

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Spoon River is based in Sechelt, B.C., where Tavis Triance, seen here on the far left, works as a teacher at an alternative school for young students who had trouble learning in the mainstream education system. PROVIDED

It's taken four years for psychedelic roots rock band Spoon River to even get close to releasing a followup to its debut, Kingdom of the Burned.

But it wasn't for lack of trying.

Rather, the group's main singers and songwriters, Tavis Triance and wife Rachel Horst, spent two years teaching in the small, remote reservation town of Bella Bella on the northwest coast of British Columbia.

"I found I wrote songs at a much greater rate," says Triance, who founded Spoon River following the breakup of his critically admired Montreal quintet, Royal Mountain Band. "But it was a village of around 1,000 people and it was difficult to get in and out of. There were far fewer opportunities to make the sort of recordings that I wanted to make, which were recordings to two-inch tape in a particular sort of studio such as Breakglass (in Montreal) or Ogre Studios, where we ended up recording in Vancouver."

With a new, stable lineup, Spoon River is getting ready to release its long-awaited sophomore album this summer. Titled The New Sun Ahhhhh Hotel, the record has a more garage/psychedelic rock feel than its predecessor.

"That's just me writing more to what I see as the strengths of the band I'm currently playing with," Triance explains.

"I'm still really into country and folk and I imagine I'll write in those forms again.

"We've consciously chosen music that people can dance and go nuts to, but it's also music that people can listen to over and over if they choose."

Triance says songwriting has become an important part of his daily life, almost a compulsion, and says he finds it easier now to reconcile his musical ambitions with his teaching career.

"As we've started to have some more success, we've started to have to make choices between music and some of the other things that we do in our lives," he says.

"I feel very strongly that we have an obligation to make good on the promise of some of these songs that we've recorded. However, I do truly enjoy teaching and have a particularly amazing group of students."

Details

- Spoon River plays Wine-Ohs (811 – 1 St. S.W.) on Friday night with the Ben Rose Band.
- The band will also be at the Palomino on Saturday afternoon before heading to Edmonton to play the city's Shake Out Festival.
- Singer Tavis Triance had a small role as The Band's Rick Danko in the 2007 Bob Dylan biopic, I'm Not There.

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Benjamin Percy, author of Red Moon, says, "The end of the world has never been so popular, because the end of the world has never seemed more possible..." HANDOUT

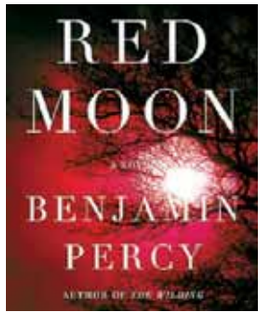
The apocalypse, some werewolves and a little love

Interview. Author Benjamin Percy talks about his new book Red Moon and why the genre is more popular than ever

DOROTHY ROBINSON
Metro World News

Author Benjamin Percy says he's "always loved the epic novel — the kind that swallows up your life, that tangles you in its complicated web — and I've always wanted to write one." And his new book Red Moon is just that. The sweeping tome is a mixture of a supernatural thriller (hello, werewolves), a love story and a political allegory all wrapped up in one insanely readable package. Here's how he did it:

How did you come to write a book about werewolves?
Some of the most lasting horror stories target cultural unease. Consider Frankenstein: The creature embodies the fear of science and technology; man playing God; all of the anxieties that swirled out of the Industrial



Revolution. So when I sat down to brainstorm Red Moon, I considered what we fear now. We fear disease and we fear terrorism.

Why do you think that apocalyptic and post-apocalyptic narratives are so addictive these days?
They've been around forever, but since 9/11 there has been a flood of films and novels. The end of the world has never been so popular, because the end of the world has never seemed more possible due to political and economic and environmental unrest.

Red Moon is part love story, part horror and part political allegory. But if you had to whittle down the point, what is it?
I hope my readers feel struck by the political allegory, and I hope their pulse quickens with the love story, and I hope the more horrifying passages scare the pants off of them. Its core — this post-9/11 reinvention of the werewolf myth — is thought-provoking entertainment.

In depth

What kind of research did he do to nail down the book's militaristic aspects?

- **Quote.** "I spent dozens of hours with researchers at the USDA and Iowa State University, trying to figure out the slippery science behind animal-borne pathogens and vaccinations. I had to talk to politicians and government agents and brewmasters and pharmacists. And I got my hands on the Marine Corps handbook," Percy said.

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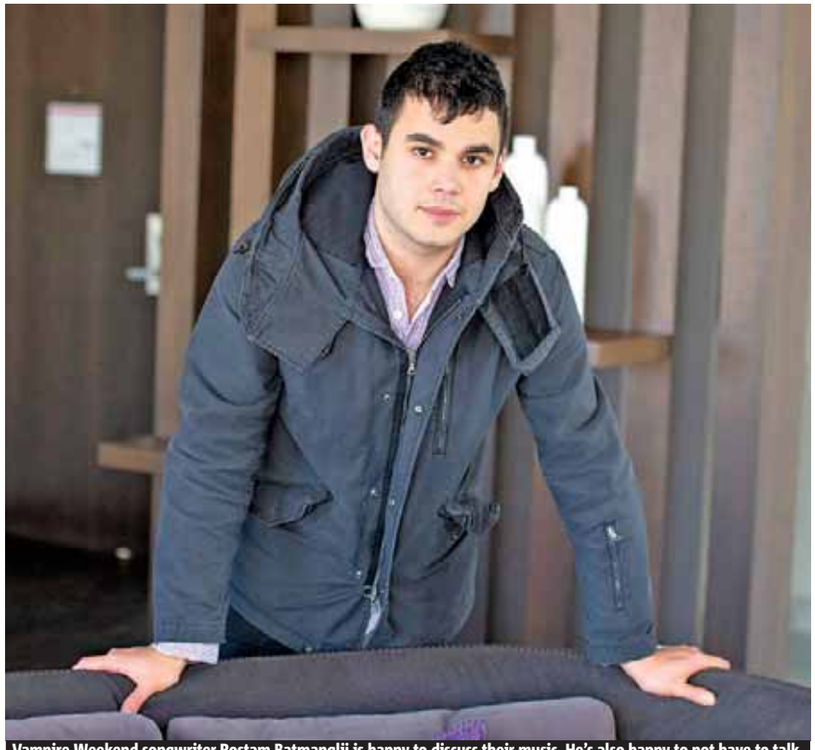

Vampire Weekend songwriter Rostam Batmanglij is happy to discuss their music. He's also happy to not have to talk about the band's 'haters' anymore. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vampire Weekend has broke dawn with a sterling new album

Modern Vampires in the City. The often discussed band is relieved the focus is finally back on just their music

When Vampire Weekend debuted to breathless blog fussing five years ago, their pristine blue-sky pop was marred by a few pesky clouds.

The concern that was so crucial to any Vampire Weekend discussion at the time: was their unique, broadly accessible African-influenced pop somehow rendered unpalatable by the group's preppy style, Ivy League educations and occasional penchant for preciousness?

Even in churning out raves, mainstream media made near-constant references to the group's supposedly passionate "haters," while never failing to mention the group's freshly scrubbed sartorial esthetic or upbringing — in reviews of the band's self-titled debut, Rolling Stone, NME and Pitchfork all dutifully scribbled references to boat shoes, starched shirts and Columbia University.

As the band releases its third album, the sparkling Modern Vampires of the City, those conversations have finally faded into the background. And certainly, no one is more relieved than the band's soft-spoken, serious-minded multi-instrumentalist Rostam Batmanglij.

"I think people have maybe a better understanding of who we are and I think that we've always tried to let our music sort of speak for itself and we've always wanted the conversations to be about our music as opposed to other things," he said in a recent interview in Toronto. "So I think that naturally that's happened. There's been an evolution over time.

"I think all of us," he added later, "would rather talk about songs, music and lyrics, as opposed to assumptions based on non-facts. Which was some of the story in the early days."

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Influences

Modern Vampires of the City, out this week, shows a band that has matured in the right ways, judiciously shedding all the right elements.

- **What to expect.** The globally derived gaiety of their earlier work has been scaled back, so their influences are no longer worn on sleeve, but stitched into the band's fabric. The set hits dizzier heights of transcendent anthem-hood — check the chandelier-ornate Step, the giddy sugar rush of Diane Young or the swooning Ya Hey.

Youngblood Hawke swims into the deep

Music. After a false start with another band, Sam Martin and Simon Katz are back with a new band to Wake Up the world

ALEXANDRA CAVALLO
Metro World News

Youngblood Hawke's new album, Wake Up, is opening some eyes. HANDOUT PHOTO

To hear Youngblood Hawke's Sam Martin talk, you might imagine him some kind of environmentalist, rather than the frontman of a swiftly rising indie pop outfit.

"I think it's important to conserve nature and take care of our earth," he says.

"I feel like one day we're going to look, and it's going to disappear on us, and we're going to wish that we had lived a little bit differently."

He's talking about the inspiration for the music video for the band's single We Come Running, which was filmed entirely underwater and features the band members swimming alongside live sharks. "We wanted to show people that they weren't these man-eating killers. We can't keep slaughtering these animals at the rate we're doing it, because we're going to completely wipe them out. And the ocean would die."

Indeed, Martin says that if he weren't a musician he'd probably be working in the great outdoors. But he's otherwise employed, making infectious, up-tempo electro-rock with one of his best college buds, producer Simon Katz.

Martin and Katz have been collaborating ever since the two moved from Colorado to L.A. to start their first band, Iglu & Hartly.

The band enjoyed moderate success, scoring a Top 5 hit in Europe, before dissolving suddenly — and painfully, says Martin — due to strained relationships with other members. The pair seem to be in a much better place now.

"I feel confident in our album and our songwriting abilities. I think we're just fortunate to be in this position right now," he says.

Giving it their all

When asked to describe the band's sound, Martin hesitates.

- **Quote.** "I feel like describing music is like trying to describe a colour," he says. "There's rock, there's dance, there's definitely synth and there's some pop elements to it, definitely. ... What separates us is that we have some weirder lyrics that we balance out with the pop choruses."
- **It's easier to articulate the band's unofficial mission statement.** "We're all kind of excited about life. We just like to give people a great experience. They come to a show and buy a ticket, they should walk away feeling like we gave all of our effort to entertain them."

Quote

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Sam Martin
Youngblood Hawke.

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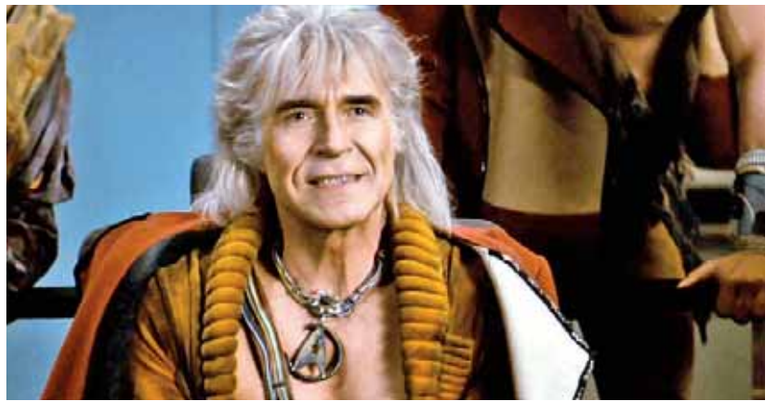
Prepping for Star Trek Into Darkness

Captain Kirk, Spock and crew are back in Star Trek Into Darkness, battling a terrorist bent on destroying Earth. Besides watching the first Trek film, what more should you do to prepare? Take a look at our top three primers.

SAM CASTONE
Metro World News

Amok Time

At the heart of the show, and the movies, is the relationship between Spock and Kirk. One's logical. The other's a romantic. But they'd do anything for one another. For proof, watch the 1967 episode Amok Time. Headed to a president's inauguration, Kirk breaks the rules and diverts his ship to the planet Vulcan, to help Spock mate with his presumed wife. After complications, Kirk appears to die, rendering an uncharacteristically distressed Spock unable to love any other partner.



Space Seed and Star Trek II: Wrath of Khan

When Star Trek Into Darkness was announced, rumours swirled about the identity of the villain — would it be Khan? Fans hoped so. A genetically engineered, bare-chested freak show (played by Ricardo Montalban), Khan, first seen on the TV series, once controlled much of Earth. When unfrozen in the future, he aims to take over the Enterprise, but is exiled by Kirk. Years later, he seeks revenge — this time, on the big screen, in Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan. Although the nemesis in Darkness is named John Harrison, there's a possibility — because the films follow a different timeline — he could somehow morph into, to quote Star Trek II, "Khaaaaan!"

Sherlock

Khan or no Khan, Darkness has a formidable foe — Benedict Cumberbatch stars as John Harrison. Genre-nerds already adore the Brit from Sherlock, the newish BBC series, in which he brilliantly solves crimes despite, or because of, what seems like Asperger's. The actor brings a leonine power, and sexiness, to the well-worn role. Indeed, he's a sex symbol, despite resembling, in his words, Sid the Sloth from Ice Age, or, in a blogger's words, "a horse-faced twot." (Already seen Sherlock? Then see his Stephen Hawking in Hawking).

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Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie

Emotional Brad proud Angelina went public about double mastectomy

No one is as moved by Angelina Jolie's decision to go public about her double mastectomy than her partner, Brad Pitt. "I'm quite emotional about it, of course," he tells USA Today. "She could have stayed absolutely private about it and I don't think anyone would have been none the wiser with such good results. But it was really important to her to share the story and that others would understand it doesn't have to be a scary thing. In fact, it can be an empowering thing and something that makes you stronger and us stronger."

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It's a beautiful day. Busy and not. Exciting things on the horizon. And where I stand – is pretty lovely.

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The photographer told me today that "head shots" are not in my acting range.

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As happy as I am about the renewal, I was kinda looking forward to getting the Parenthood Movie funded on kick starter.

The Word

Beyoncé says sorry to Belgium for cancelled gig

Beyoncé felt so bad about canceling a gig in Antwerp, Belgium — on doctors orders because she was suffering from "dehydration and exhaustion" — that she posted a handwritten apology on her website. "To my dearest fans in Antwerp, I've never postponed a show in my life. It was very hard for me. I promise I will make it up very soon. I'm sorry if I disappointed you," Beyoncé wrote. "Thank you for your concern. I'm feeling much better now and I'm ready to give you a great show. See you tonight." The singer's health concerns almost immediately sparked rumours that she is pregnant with her second child.

Lindsay Lohan ALL IMAGES GETTY

Lohan coping well in rehab despite hiccup

Lindsay Lohan is more than 10 days into her court-ordered 90-day rehab stint at the Betty Ford Center, and it's apparently just fine, according to E! News. "She is doing well. She seems like she's finally adjusted," a source says. There was reportedly some uproar in the first week when Lohan allegedly discovered doctors wouldn't allow her to take the ADD prescription drug Adderall, but things have settled down, according to the source: "She is just going to have to deal with it."

Amy Winehouse

Amy Winehouse to be immortalized in bronze

Amy Winehouse's parents have enlisted artist Scott Eaton to sculpt a life-size bronze statue of the late singer to be displayed at London music venue the Roadhouse, which happens to be the last place Winehouse performed before her death, according to E! News. "She's going to be installed on the balcony in the Roundhouse in the Camden area, because Camden is her home where she lived. So she's kind of looking back towards Camden Town from the balcony," Eaton says. "So it's not going to be ... cheesy. She's not with a microphone or anything like that."

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The great Gatsby getup

Silver screen style. Brooks Brothers GM Deepak Chopra teaches the modern man to mix some movie magic into his wardrobe

It isn't a fashion film if it doesn't have a clothing line attached to it. Brooks Brothers is taking the menswear looks they provided for the screen to the store with its Great Gatsby-inspired collection. Yep, that means you can get a hold of Jay Gatsby's 20s-style tailoring.

"Brooks Brothers is mentioned numerous times in Fitzgerald's writings as a representation of the ultimate gentleman's purveyor of fine clothing to the American man of distinction," says Catherine Martin, the costume designer behind the film's 500-strong wardrobe, in a statement to the press.

Metro recently had the opportunity to speak with Deepak Chopra, general manager of Brooks Brothers at Royal Bank Plaza in Toronto, to find out about the collection and his must-have suggestions.

The tuxedo

Every man should own a tuxedo, but how many of us do? At the current price point, Chopra says now is the time to invest.

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The cardigan

The bottle-green shawl cardigan — seen in the movie — is another timeless piece to add to your wardrobe, Chopra suggests.

CARDIGAN, $168

The linen suit

Perfect for summer, the linen suit offers a sense of relaxed ease. It is available in a number of colours and patterns and the pants can be worn with suspenders or belts.

JACKETS, $725; PANTS $328

The waist jacket

While they look good paired with the linen suits, Chopra notes the waist jackets can add a dapper air to a pair of chinos or jeans.

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The tuxedo's backless vest features an art deco Greek key design.

Chopra draws attention to the shoes in the collection, which include a wingtip (shown), black patent leather, and a white and brown loafer. $385 to $655

Madame of the movies

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What she's wearing
Rag & Bone shirt, Zara shoes and blazer, Material Girl pants, Rebecca Minkoff bag, KBL sunglasses.

Her inspiration
I'm inspired by street style and fashion blogs. Right now, I love the marriage of spring-floral and colour with simple classic pieces.

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Spoil yourself with a spa bathroom

Whether you're considering a spring renovation or a simple spruce-up to the bathroom, now's a great time to add some luxury touches. This often utilitarian room can be the go-to spot for pampering yourself. All you need to do is introduce a few elements such as lighting, music and accessories. And with summer almost here, the more skin you show the more pampered your skin will need to be, so you better get busy on the bath. Here's a few necessities to help.

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Lighting

Choose lighting that is flexible enough to be used for daily makeup application at its brightest and that can be dimmed to give a relaxing tone to the room. Tip: Add dimmer switches to everything and look for frosted glass shades to diffuse light. Pimlico Swing Arm Sconce, $375, restorationhardware.com.

Music

Soft, soothing sounds can turn your plain bathroom into a musical oasis, so why not build it into the ceilings — or right into your shower. The Moxie Shower Head and Wireless Speaker has a portable wireless speaker that connects to any Blue-tooth device to offer up your favourite tunes while in the shower. $230, kohler.ca.

Baskets

A basket dedicated to your spa treatments helps with clutter control in the bathroom. Soft-feeling felt woven bins, Clean Slate Woven Felt Bin set, $83, crateandbarrel.com.

Towels

Keep a set of special towels on hand specifically for your spa time. All-cotton towels in soothing neutral colours, GlucksteinHome Spa Collection Towels, $23, thebay.com.

Tub

Got room for a large tub? Why not make it large enough for two? Perfectly smooth air jets around the tub's perimeter help to sooth and relax aching muscles while bathing in ultimate modern style. Studio Ever-Clean Air Bath, from $2,900. americanstandard.ca.

Candle

Adding scent to your spa experience will change the feeling of the room. Clear your mind while uplifting your spirits with Stress Relief Eucalyptus Spearmint candles, $24, bathandbodyworks.com.

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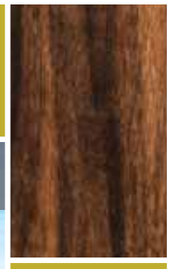

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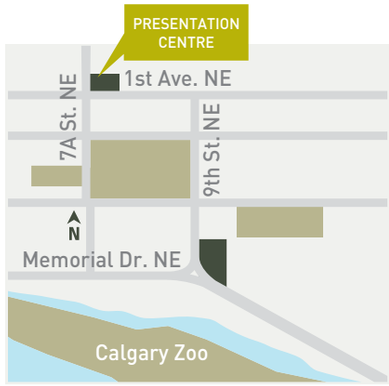

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Modernize your backyard this season

Outdoor. Four tips from celebrity landscape designer Carson Arthur just in time for May long weekend

We all have our spring backyard rituals to help create the perfect summer retreat, but sometimes you want to do a little more to upgrade your space. Maybe your deck needs a little love or you're just looking to bring new life to your outdoor spaces.

No matter what your backyard ambition is this summer, here are the top four outdoor improvements I'm going to be doing in my own spaces.

1. Make room for veggies and herbs

I'm always encouraging homeowners to remove a strip of grass and replace it with a veggie and herb garden.

Lawns suck up more water, fertilizers, insecticides, herbicides and fungicides than anything else on our properties. Growing veggies is lower maintenance, convenient and still gives you that green backyard look. I'm trying some new varieties of lettuce, heirloom tomatoes, Thai basil and zucchini, for the blossoms. Growing your own food is satisfying and you know exactly what you are eating and where it came from because you grew it yourself.

Plus, this fits in perfectly with the local eating movement. What's more local than your own backyard?

2. Resurface your deck with a wood that doesn't require staining so you can enjoy your backyard sooner and with a lot less effort

Maintaining the look of your wooden deck is important, but the ritual of sanding and staining can become overwhelming every spring. Fortunately, new technology by MicroPro Sienna takes a lot of the work out of deck maintenance.

I'll be using MicroPro Sienna for my new cottage deck, this environmentally friendly alternative to the classic pressure-treated wood comes ready to install in a rich cedar tone, can be used in water and works well with aluminum fasteners and details.

This new type of pressure-treated wood is versatile for any outdoor project. It is going to be perfect at my cottage, and all of my guests will think I spent a lot on cedar.

3. Use garden art to update your outdoor spaces and solve some of your garden dilemmas

Some spaces in the garden just won't grow plants. My fans and clients always ask for different options, but nothing seems to work. Why not add something that looks great and requires no care? My favourite garden art includes metal sculptures that look great when they rust and wooden obelisks that I can grow vines on.

Other materials that work well outdoors include mirrors, glass, terra-cotta pots and jars and handmade pottery. Not only is there no maintenance, art in the garden is an easy way to have a creative space that is uniquely yours.

4. Bring the indoors out

Outdoor furniture is no longer about striped or floral pillows on a patio set.

The latest outdoor furniture uses stain and water resistant knitted fabrics, graphic prints and bold motifs to mimic the look and feel of its indoor cousins. With these stunning new options, every homeowner can create their dream outdoor room. I am stepping it up on the patio this year by investing in a resin wicker and aluminum set, which is rustproof and made from recycled plastic. Stylish and eco-friendly all at the same time!

Be smart about the choices you are going to make this year in your own outdoor spaces. Think about the way you want to spend your summer days. Make choices that allow you to have the quality of life you deserve.

Carson Arthur

When not in the dirt with his eco-friendly landscape design company, Carson stays busy building, planting, writing or designing as a featured guest on CityLine and Steven & Chris. You can check him out at carsonarthur.com.

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Upgraded decks using MicroPro Sienna look great right away and updated outdoor furnishings, like this daybed, make the backyard a comfortable and functional extension of your home. BOB GUNDU

Outdoor fireplaces are easy to install and give your patio an extra sense of warmth. ISTOCK IMAGES

Give your patio a boost

Accessorize. Some simple do-it-yourself ideas to kick off the season

The weather is heating up and homeowners have begun to plan outdoor get-togethers.

Before you plan your next patio party, DIY Network Canada's Yard Crashers can help you accessorize your space with a few outdoor additions.

Add an outdoor fireplace

Pre-fabricated fireplaces are easy to install and add an extra sense of warmth to your patio. These come in a variety of styles and designs to suit different tastes. When choosing the best location for your outdoor fireplace, consider factors such as space availability, local building codes, privacy and wind direction.

When it's time to assemble your fireplace, get a few friends to help you, as there will be several large pieces to put together. These can be hooked up to a propane tank or connected to your gas line. If you choose to connect to your fireplace to a gas line, make sure this is done by a professional.

Landscape lighting

Low-voltage lighting provides a budget-friendly approach to enhance the ambiance of your patio. Solar-powered path lights can be set around the patio and plants, creating an illuminated space for entertaining.

These are easy to install and will save on energy costs, while creating a romantic effect for nighttime get-togethers.

Install misters

Misting fans can create a comfortable sanctuary to help homeowners enjoy the patio in even the hottest temperatures. These high-pressure systems significantly cool down the patio by spraying a fine layer of mist that evaporates before hitting the ground.

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Don't forget to wash the dishwasher

Your dishwasher, sink drain and garbage disposal do the major dirty work in your kitchen, and you can keep them running efficiently with a few easy steps.

If there are spots or stuck-on grime on the dishes when they come out of the washer, or if the sink has an unpleasant odour even after you clean it and run the disposal, it means these hard-working appliances may need extra attention.

"Dishwashers and drains battle kitchen waste and activity daily, which can take a toll on the appearance and performance if not cleaned correctly," said Chris Salatino with Kenmore Major Appliances.

Electric dishwashers have a filtration system that requires regular cleaning, especially if you don't scrape or pre-rinse dishes.

"The maintenance on a dishwasher depends on how you treat it," says John DeSilvia, host of DIY Network's Rescue My Renovation.

If you're not a pre-rinser, he recommends cleaning the filter once a month. Just look at the bottom of your dishwasher, find and remove your filter, then scrub away debris with a soft brush. Rinse and re-install.

"Don't be scared, it's really easy," says DeSilvia.

If in doubt, check your owner's manual on how to find and remove the filter. Can't find the instructions? Log on to your manufacturer's website.

The interior of your dishwasher may also appear filmy at times. To get rid of that buildup, Salatino advises waiting until the washer has finished a cycle and cooled. Then make a paste with powdered detergent or use liquid detergent on a damp sponge to wipe away mineral deposits. Follow up by running a normal cycle.

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Contact: Diane Charlebois; Jackie Ellice; Daniella Eggink
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Mod Croc rectangular placements

New York designer Sandy Chilewich continues to experiment with her woven vinyl material, producing an array of textured mats in neutrals, metallics and colours. chilewich.com.

PopMat paper placemats

Artist Lian Ng makes paper placemats with clever and charming cutout designs like trees, safari animals, hearts and butterflies that are inspired by children's pop-up books. He will do custom designs as well. Mats are sold in packs of 10. publiqueshop.com.

The placemat is a favourite at many dinner tables. The often-whimsical plastic version catches the slip of spaghetti from a youngster's fork, while a nice cotton placemat elevates the dining experience just a little without having to set down a whole tablecloth. Placemats are a relatively inexpensive addition to dining-room decor, and can also be used on portable trays or big coffee tables if meals are served unconventionally. Here are a few new spring options from retailers and designers.

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4 Ways to dress up your dinner table with placemats

Pressed filigree placemats

Sandy Chilewich's finely embossed ornamental design is created with a one of a kind mould and is spot printed with metallic foil to suggest the weathered look of a delicate old textile, although the mat itself is durable vinyl.

Woven vinyl placemat

Check out Sandy Chilewich's new large-scale abstract Brush Dot silkscreened design on her signature woven vinyl placemat that comes in blush, green apple, pool and black.

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Home for sale? Give it maximum eye appeal by staging it before you show

Designing. Staging your home gives it that welcoming atmosphere

LINDA LABAN
Metro World News

If your home's For Sale sign is becoming a fixture, still there in this red-hot spring real estate market, you might be doing something wrong.

Staging is what designers do to give a home maximum eye appeal. Ave Bradley, Kimpton Hotels' vice president of design, is responsible for creating welcoming atmospheres that appeal to a wide group of people, which is exactly the effect a home seller wants.

"The important thing is to create a space that's warm and inviting, a place people want to linger," says Bradley.

She tells us how to get our home ready for prospective buyers.

Bag the clutter ... and the laundry

"Never underestimate the impact of clutter. A room that's clean and well organized is more inviting. Also, I don't want to see the remnants of someone else's life. I don't want to see their toothbrush, or their bra on a sofa! Throw everything in a trash bag and put it in a cabinet."

Say it with flowers, not food

"Nothing is more welcoming than flowers. I like to see a big, vibrant, fresh flower arrangement.

"Put one in the bathroom and the living room. I see people offering these extravagant food spreads. It's just not necessary. Also, be careful about cooking smells like bacon or fish. People want to smell lemon or lavender when they walk in, not pizza."

Paint walls a neutral colour

"In older Victorian- or Spanish-style homes, strong colours work.

"For most modern homes, a neutral but warm scheme is best: taupe, celadon green, white. The same goes for furniture. The bigger and bolder, the fewer people can relate. It increases the sale chances if a room's colours are quiet and people can imagine their lives there."

Bring on sunshine and smiles

"It's important to get the right broker with a welcoming attitude.

"When you walk in, you don't want to see a selling agent who's arrogant. And open up drapery — there's nothing more off-putting than walking into a place with the drapes drawn.

"It reminds people of sickness. Let the sunlight shine in."

It goes without saying that a room that's clean and organized is a lot more inviting. ISTOCK IMAGES

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Fish delights with cabbage and pico de gallo and cream sauce — oh my!

Baja, the peninsula of Mexico located south of California, is famous for its fish tacos, which are gaining popularity around the globe. These lightly fried fish delights are layered with cabbage, cream sauce and pico de gallo salsa.

Fresh Baja Fish Tacos

This recipe serves eight. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

1. Mexican White Sauce: In bowl, combine mayonnaise, yogurt and lime juice. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours or for up to 24 hours.

2. In bowl, combine tomatoes, green onions, jalapenos, serrano chiles, onion and cilantro. Add lime juice and mix. Transfer to airtight container and refrigerate, stirring occasionally for one hour. Add salt just to taste before serving.

3. Batter: In a large bowl, combine flour, beer and salt. Mix well to a thick consistency.

4. Tacos: Rinse fish and pat dry with paper towel. Cut crosswise into 2.5-cm (1-inch) wide strips.

5. Fill a deep fryer or deep skillet with 2.5 cm (1 inch) of oil and heat to 180 C (350 F). Using tongs, dredge fish pieces in batter and gently place in oil. Deep-fry 4 pieces at a time, turning once, until golden brown, about 1 minute per side. Drain on paper towels. Discard any excess batter.

6. In a griddle or skillet over medium-high heat, heat each tortilla on each side until soft and pliable. Wrap in foil to keep warm until ready to use. To build tacos, divide fish equally among warm tortillas. Top with cabbage, Mexican white sauce and pico de gallo. Fold tortillas in half.

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Ingredients

Mexican White Sauce
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) mayonnaise
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) plain yogurt
- Juice of 1 lime

Pico de gallo
- 4 tomatoes, seeded and diced
- 4 green onions, green parts only, minced
- 3 jalapeno peppers, 2 serrano chile peppers, seeded and minced
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 tbsp minced cilantro
- juice of 2 limes
- kosher salt

Batter
- 250 ml (1 cup) all-purpose flour
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) light beer
- 5 ml (1 tsp) kosher salt

Tacos
- 750 g (1 1/2 lb) skinless cod or tilapia fillets
- Vegetable oil
- 8 flour tortillas
- 250 ml (1 cup) each shredded red and green cabbage

Cookbook of the Week

Mexican simplified

Using authentic Mexican recipes as her inspiration, Kelley Cleary Coffeen releases her book 200 Easy Mexican Recipes.

Made with ingredients easily found at local grocery stores, the dishes featured in the book are quick to make, easy to serve and affordable.

Among the aromatic and flavourful dishes found in the book are: Shrimp Ceviche, Green Chile and Chicken Tacos, Shredded Beef Chimichanga, Burrito Bowls, and Caramel Flan.

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Make your home warm and inviting

Friends, family, neighbours. Take the craziness out of unexpected visits with a little planning

In the warmth and sunshine of summer, Canadians open their doors, get outside and take full advantage of the barbecue season. It seems like every weekend is packed full of visits with friends, families and neighbours.

In fact, it's often those unexpected visits that turn out to be the most fun, even if it causes a mad rush to tidy the house and dig into the cupboards to pull together a meal everyone will enjoy.

Take the craziness out of unexpected visits with a little advanced planning.

It's called seasonal pantry loading and it helps families to be ready for whatever their summer has to offer. Rather than buying what you need for a specific period of time, stock your pantry with those items that can easily be stored and help you provide a quick and tasty meal at a moment's notice.

For example, all-in-one serving kits are always good to have on hand — such as taco or salad kits. Have options ready so all you need is to add your core fresh ingredient and you have a meal.

As Linda Woolsey, vice-president research and development from ET TU Salad Kits, explains, "You want to make any visit memorable, whether planned or not. The one thing we've learned is that guests always appreciate great food. Being prepared with easy pantry items can help you focus on your guests, spend more time enjoying delicious meals and less time on stressing and cooking."

So next time you take a trip to the grocery store, consider those items that will help you be prepared anytime, any day.

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Thyme-Rubbed Flank Steak with Balsamic Pearl Onions. NEWS CANADA

Recipe. Thyme-Rubbed Flank Steak with Balsamic Pearl Onions

According to a recent Grill-Watch survey, steak tops the list as the all time favourite food to grill, according to 44 per cent of respondents. This steak recipe from Weber's New Real Grilling cookbook is quick and easy to prepare and perfect for a weekday dinner.

Ingredients

- ¾ cup water
- ½ cup balsamic vinegar
- 2 tbsp honey
- 1½ tsp tomato paste
- 1 large bay leaf
- 1 package (14 ounces) frozen pearl onions, thawed
- 3½ tsp finely chopped fresh thyme leaves, divided
- 2 tsp kosher salt, divided
- 1 tsp freshly ground black pepper, divided
- 1 flank steak, about 1½ pounds and ¾-inch thick
- 1 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- Fresh thyme sprigs (optional)

1 In a large skillet combine the water, vinegar, honey, tomato paste, and bay leaf. Add the onions and bring to a simmer over medium-low heat. Cover and simmer for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Uncover the skillet and increase the heat to high. Boil until the liquid starts to thicken and is reduced to 4 to 5 tablespoons, about 5 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in 1½ teaspoons of the thyme, 1 teaspoon of the salt, and ½ teaspoon of the pepper. The sauce will continue to thicken as it cools. If necessary, add water, 1 tablespoon at a time, to thin the mixture to your desired consistency.

2 Combine the remaining 2 teaspoons thyme, 1 teaspoon salt, and ½ teaspoon pepper. Brush the steak on both sides with the oil and season evenly with the spice mixture, pressing the spices into the meat. Allow the steak to stand at room temperature for 15 to 30 minutes before grilling.

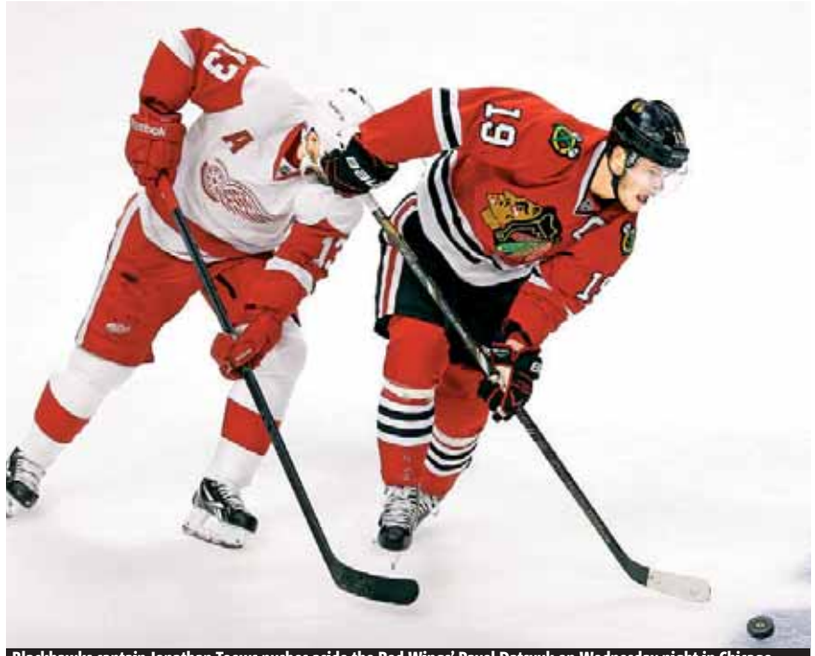
3 Prepare the grill for direct cooking over medium heat (350 to 450 F).

4 Grill the steak over direct medium heat, with the lid closed, until cooked to your desired doneness, 8 to 10 minutes for medium rare, turning once or twice. Remove from the grill and let rest for 3 to 5 minutes. Cut the steak across the grain into thin slices. Serve immediately with the onions and their sauce. Garnish with thyme, if using. Serves four. Prep time: 15 minutes. Grilling time: 8 to 10 minutes.

NEWS CANADA

Blackhawks wash away Red Wings

NHL playoffs. Goalie Howard given little support as Detroit drops eighth straight to Chicago dating back to last season



Blackhawks captain Jonathan Toews pushes aside the Red Wings' Pavel Datsyuk on Wednesday night in Chicago. The Blackhawks took the series opener 4-1. JONATHAN DANIEL/GETTY IMAGES

Johnny Oduya and Marcus Kruger scored in the third period, Corey Crawford made 20 saves and the Chicago Blackhawks beat the Detroit Red Wings 4-1 in the opener of their second-round playoff series on Wednesday night.

Chicago dominated the final two periods in its first game in the Western Conference semifinals since it won the Stanley Cup in 2010. Marian Hossa scored the opening goal, and Patrick Sharp had an empty-netter and two assists to give him nine points in the playoffs.

"I thought it was our best game of the playoffs, no question," Sharp said.

Jimmy Howard finished with 38 stops in a terrific performance, but Detroit still lost to rival Chicago for the eighth straight time dating to last season.

The series resumes on Saturday afternoon at the United Center.

The 75th all-time playoff game between the Blackhawks and Red Wings was tied 1-1 after two periods, and Howard made a great stop on a breakaway by Dave Bolland 4 1/2 minutes into the third.

Chicago kept working and went in front to stay on a heady play by Oduya. He drifted in from the point and sent Sharp's pass past Howard on the glove side with 12 minutes left.

Game 1

Blackhawks	Red Wings
4	1

"He sneaks in there, and it was a great play by Johnny," Sharp said. "I saw him pinching in, I felt like he was wide open and he called for the puck."

Kruger then jumped on a loose puck and sent a backhander into the upper right corner to make it 3-1. That was more than enough for Crawford, who caught a break when Damien Brunner's rebound attempt went off the crossbar and straight down before Brent Seabrook swept it away with about three minutes left.

"Sometimes you got to get some breaks," Crawford said. "Seabs came in there and he made a great play to clear it out."

The opener of the 16th playoff series between the Original Six teams was the first game for Chicago since it eliminated Minnesota last Thursday. Detroit closed out Anaheim with a 3-2 win in Game 7 on Sunday night, taking the final two games of the series against the second-seeded Ducks.

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NBA playoffs

Wade fights through pain to help Heat advance

Knowing his team needed him at his best, Dwyane Wade retreated to the Miami Heat locker-room after the third quarter for some quick treatment on his aching right knee.

When he came back, he was good as new.

And now he can rest until the Eastern Conference finals.

LeBron James scored 23 points, Wade added 18 and had a brilliant 45-second sequence that proved crucial, and the Heat clawed back from an 11-point second-half deficit to beat the Chicago Bulls 94-91 on Wednesday night and close out their second-round series in five games. The Heat outscored Chicago 25-14 in the fourth quarter to escape and advance.

"I knew the fourth quarter was going to be tough so I wanted to re-tape my knee," said Wade, who has been battling bone bruises on his knee for several weeks. "I knew I was going to come back into a grind. Our trainers did a great job of getting it taped (up) enough so I could come out and play." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CFL

"He is excited about coming to Toronto. Once football starts, it will be all about football."

Argos GM Jim Barker on defensive lineman Khalif Mitchell, who resisted a trade to Toronto earlier in the off-season.

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World championship.
Canada sets sights on Sedins for quarter-final

For Canada to get past the IIHF World Championship quarter-final for the first time in four years, the Sedins must be contained.

Vancouver Canucks forwards Daniel and Henrik Sedin joined the host country after Canada's 3-0 win over Sweden in the preliminary round.

The addition of the twins and Canucks defenceman Alex Edler inject confidence and offence into Sweden that the team lacked earlier in the tournament. Canada expects an improved opponent Thursday at the Globe Arena.

"With their additions to their team, we've got to make sure we're doing the right things with the puck," Canadian forward and Regina native Jordan Eberle said. "You can't turn it over with the high offence they have."

The quarter-final has been Canada's banana peel lately with three straight losses knocking Canadian teams out of medal contention. Eberle was a part of all those losses and doesn't want an early exit a fourth time.

"For me, anyway, it's been a game that's been tough to get by, so I'm really looking forward to tomorrow night," he said. "Playing Sweden in Sweden, it doesn't get much better than that.

"We want to make sure we're bringing our best in a one-game elimination that any team can win. You can't be soft that night or else you're in trouble."

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Regina's Jordan Eberle practises on Wednesday in Stockholm. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jays unleash colossal offence to topple Giants

Edwin Encarnacion, top, and Jose Bautista round third base to score during the Jays' five-run first inning on Wednesday night. TOM SZCZERBOWSKI/GETTY IMAGES

MLB. Toronto pounces on early San Francisco errors in 4th-straight win

Adam Lind and J.P. Arencibia homered and starter Ramon Ortiz turned in a solid seven-inning performance as the Toronto Blue Jays crushed the San Francisco Giants 11-3 on Wednesday night.

The Blue Jays took advantage of some ugly San Francisco defence in a five-run first inning. They added three more runs in the next frame and the rout was on.

Ortiz (1-1) allowed one earned run and six hits as Toronto (17-24) swept the two-game interleague mini-series and extended its winning streak to a season-high four games. Giants starter Ryan Vogelsong (1-4) lasted just two innings, giving up six hits, eight runs — three of them earned —and two walks.

San Francisco (23-17) opened the scoring on a comfortable, breezy night at Rogers Centre. Angel Pagan led off the first inning with a ground-rule double, moved to third on a sacrifice bunt by Marco Scutaro and scored on a Pablo Sandoval sacrifice fly.

Scutaro and Pagan both made errors in the bottom half of the frame.

Jose Bautista reached base when Scutaro dropped a pop-up in shallow right field. Edwin Encarnacion walked and Arencibia hit a sinking liner that Pagan flubbed in centre field, allowing two runs to score.

Lind followed with a two-run shot — his third homer of the season — and Emilio Bonifacio later added an RBI single. Munenori Kawasaki hit into a double play to end the threat.

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NHL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

(Best-of-7 series; All times Eastern)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

PITTSBURGH (1) VS. OTTAWA (7)

(Pittsburgh leads 1-0)
Tuesday's result
Pittsburgh 4 Ottawa 1
Friday's game
Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.

BOSTON (4) VS. N.Y. RANGERS (6)

Thursday's game
NY Rangers at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
NY Rangers at Boston, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, May 21
Boston at NY Rangers, 7:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CHICAGO (1) VS. DETROIT (7)

(Chicago leads 1-0)
Wednesday's result
Chicago 4 Detroit 1
Saturday's game
Detroit at Chicago, 6 p.m.
Monday, May 20
Chicago at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

LOS ANGELES (5) VS. SAN JOSE (6)

(Los Angeles leads 1-0)
Tuesday's result
Los Angeles 2 San Jose 0
Thursday's game
San Jose at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.
Saturday's game
Los Angeles at San Jose, 6 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pt
Krejci, Bos	5	8	13
Malkin, Phg	3	10	13
Iginla, Phg	2	8	10
Crosby, Phg	3	6	9
Brassard, NYR	2	7	9
Lucic, Bos	2	7	9
Dupuis, Phg	6	2	8
Pavelski, SJ	4	4	8
Couture, SJ	3	5	8
Zetterberg, Det	3	5	8

Not including last night's games

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

(Best-of-7 series; All times Eastern)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

MIAMI (1) VS CHICAGO (5)

(Miami wins 4-1)
Wednesday's result
Miami 94 Chicago 91

NEW YORK (2) VS INDIANA (3)

(Indiana leads 3-1)
Tuesday's result
Indiana 93 New York 82
Thursday's game
Indiana at New York, 8 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

OKLAHOMA CITY (1) VS MEMPHIS (5)

(Memphis leads 3-1)
Wednesday's result
Memphis at Oklahoma City
Friday's game
x-Oklahoma City at Memphis, 7 or 8 p.m.

SAN ANTONIO (2) VS GOLDEN STATE (6)

(San Antonio leads 3-2)
Tuesday's result
San Antonio 109 Golden State 91
Thursday's game
San Antonio at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

SOCCER

MLS

Wednesday's result
Los Angeles 4 Philadelphia 1

AMWAY CHAMPIONSHIP

CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Wednesday's result
First Leg
Vancouver 0 Montreal 0

UEFA

EUROPA LEAGUE

Wednesday's result
Benfica (Portugal) 1, Chelsea (England) 2 in Amsterdam

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	25	15	.625	—
Baltimore	23	17	.575	2
Boston	23	17	.575	2
Tampa Bay	20	19	.513	4½
Toronto	17	24	.415	8½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	22	16	.579	—
Cleveland	22	17	.564	½
Kansas City	19	17	.528	2
Minnesota	18	19	.486	3½
Chicago	17	21	.447	5

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	26	14	.650	—
Oakland	20	22	.476	7
Seattle	19	21	.475	7
Los Angeles	15	24	.385	10½
Houston	11	30	.268	15½

Wednesday's results
San Diego 8 Baltimore 4
Houston 7 Detroit 5
Chicago White Sox 9 Minnesota 4
Texas 6 Oakland 2
Seattle 12 N.Y. Yankees 2
Toronto 11 San Francisco 3
Boston 9 Tampa Bay 2
Kansas City at L.A. Angels
Thursday's games
All times Eastern
Seattle (Harang 1-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 4-2), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Doubront 3-1) at Tampa Bay (Cobb 4-2), 7:10 p.m.
Detroit (Verlander 4-3) at Texas (Darvish 6-1), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Quintana 2-1) at L.A. Angels (Williams 2-1), 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Wednesday's results
Cleveland 10 Philadelphia 4
Arizona 5 Atlanta 3
Pittsburgh 3 Milwaukee 1
Cincinnati 4 Miami 0
Chicago Cubs 6 Colorado 3
St. Louis 4 N.Y. Mets 2
Washington at L.A. Dodgers.

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Horoscopes

Aries
March 21 - April 20
Is it OK to be ambitious? Is it OK to do better than others? Of course it is and anyone who says otherwise is not to be trusted. People are not all the same and, to be blunt, you're better than most.

Taurus
April 21 - May 21
After the events of the past few days, you may want to treat yourself gently over the next 24 hours. Give yourself time to unwind and assess the full implications of the changes that have been taking place.

Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You may not understand why a certain person acts the way they do but that is no reason to hold it against them. People have different personalities. You have several yourself.

Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You must not agree to anything if you don't know for certain what it is going to cost. Someone with a persuasive manner will make a risky venture sound like it's a sure thing. Don't be fooled.

Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
When your instincts tell you one thing and friends tells you another, who do you trust? You trust your instincts, of course. Today's cosmic influences warn that people may not see things as clearly as you.

Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Not everything has a simple explanation and if you are smart you will dig to find out what has really been going on. Check both sides of the story.

Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Someone you live or work with believes you owe them something. They also believe they can sit back and let you do the work. Make sure they know that isn't going to happen.

Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Usually, if something feels good that's a sure sign that it is good. But today there is a real chance that what feels good could actually be bad for you. Whatever you do make sure it is done in moderation.

Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Don't believe everything you hear over the next 24 hours, not even if it comes from sources you know you can trust. Friends may not be trying to mislead you but they may have been misled themselves.

Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The influence of Pluto in your sign makes you even more suspicious than usual. Having said that, perhaps it's a point in your favour that you insist on being shown hard evidence before you take action.

Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Get out into the world and make things happen. The world is full of people who talk a good game, but very few who actually do something positive. Be one of the latter.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
If you have made a promise, you must keep it. If you try to wriggle out of it, your rep will suffer. You enjoyed short-term benefits, now pay long-term costs. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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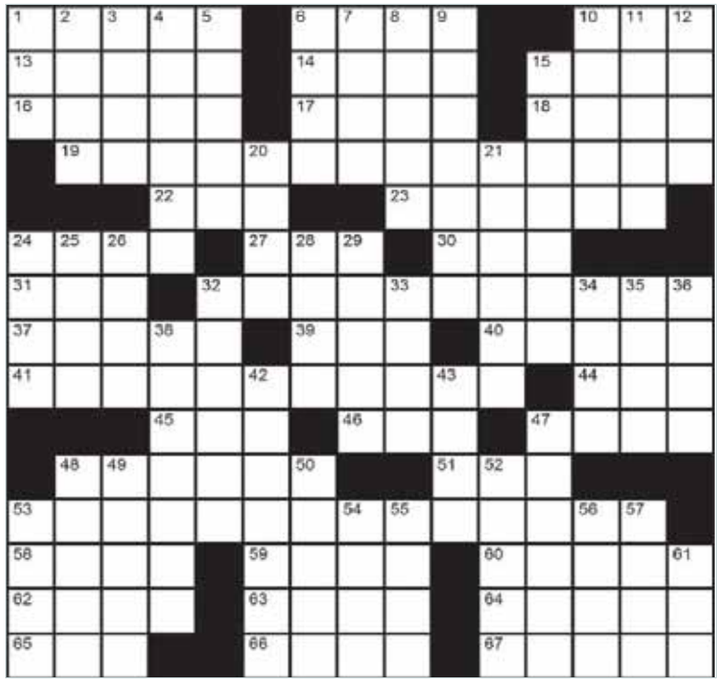
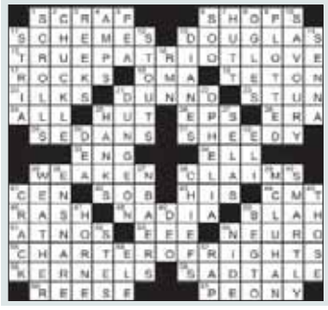


Across
1. __ class (Misses the lecture)
6. TV __ (Watch shows on them)
10. Toy dog's fave place
13. Snip again
14. 'Silver' suffix
15. "__... __ ahead and try it already!" (Stop stalling, eat!)
16. Angered
17. Husk
18. Dix - Deux = ?
19. John Baird, Minister of __ __
22. Bed-and-Breakfast
23. Mr. Richie, "Hello" singer
24. Grateful __
27. "60 Minutes" network
30. Forever, practically
31. Time-saving abbr.
32. Waaay far back
37. Doofus
39. That extra amount on a bill
40. Ludicrous
41. Kraft Singles, basically ...but only one: 2 wds.
44. No __, ands or buts.
45. Poetic contraction
46. Piercing place
47. Big deals
48. Take to be true
51. Cleopatra's cobra
53. Place of commerce in early Canada: acr. + 2 wds.
58. U2's home
59. Ancient Egypt: Son of Ramses I
60. Once more
62. Jewish calendar month
63. Prude
64. Lead/tin alloy
65. "Losing My Religion" rockers
66. Labourer, in olde Anglo-Saxon times
67. Swamp plant

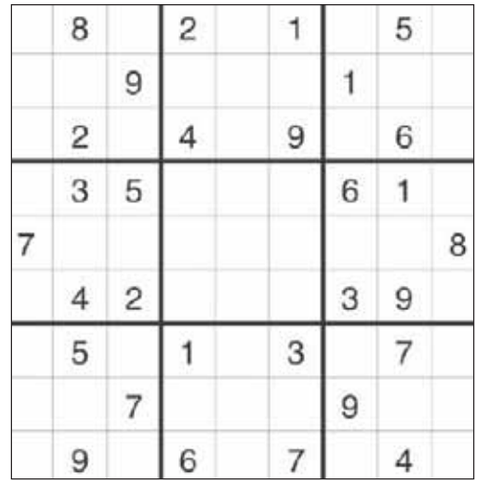
Down
1. Lanka's lead
2. Sawing cut
3. Flight-related UN Agency headquartered in Montreal [acronym]
4. Foul in odour
5. Jan __ (Dutch painter)
6. Loot
7. Yield, such as profit
8. Tribulation
9. Smartphone owner's auto-taken pics
10. Stand-up comic Mr. Anderson
11. No Doubt hit: "Just _ _ _ "
12. __ and pans
15. SNL alum Molly, star of "Superstar" (1999)
20. Price hike [abbr.]
21. Soccer, to Brits [var. sp.]
24. Son, e.g., on a family tree
25. Retro toy, __ A Sketch
26. Pine-in-the-heart for
28. Reckons
29. Sedimentary rock
32. Phony person
33. Iris family plant with sword-like leaves
34. Maraud
35. Content or data, briefly
36. Opening to 'pool' or 'pit'
38. Actress, Leighton __
42. All†together: 2 wds.
43. Rocky projection (Mountaineering challenge)
47. Highest orbital point
48. Put up with
49. "Buzz off!"
50. Utopias
52. Tiffs
53. Pick up on sound
54. The Jacksons tune: "Blame __ the Boogie": 2 wds.
55. Evening, fun-style
56. Partially eaten fish in a tin?
57. Plucked guitar string sound
61. Born, in bridal bios

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.



Yesterday's Sudoku

6	9	8	7	4	2	1	3	5
2	3	1	9	8	5	6	7	4
5	4	7	6	1	3	9	8	2
1	6	3	5	2	7	8	4	9
4	2	9	1	3	8	7	5	6
7	8	5	4	6	9	2	1	3
3	1	6	8	9	4	5	2	7
9	7	2	3	5	1	4	6	8
8	5	4	2	7	6	3	9	1

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